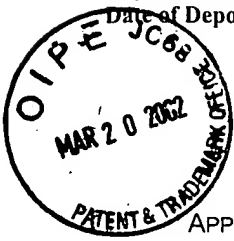


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2001, Applicants elect the invention of Group III, encompassing claims 25-30 and 33-35, drawn to a method for inhibiting pathogenic infection with bacterial strains belonging to the genus of *Bacillus*.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 19374-509 (GND-9).

Respectfully submitted,

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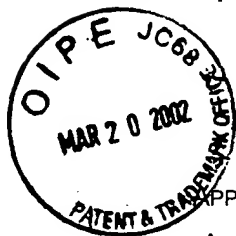
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2001, transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (1 pg.);
2. Check #12099 for \$200.00;
3. Petition for a two-month extension of time; and
4. Return Postcard.

This response is due on or before March 20, 2002. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 19374-509 (GND-9).

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